

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 Commissioner for Patents
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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims and abstract as detailed below.

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A medical instrument with a hollow shaft (2) having at its proximal end a handle (3) consisting of at least two gripping members (3a, 3b) and at its distal end a tool (4) consisting of at least two jaw members (4a, 4b), where at least one of the jaw members (4a) of the tool (4) can rotate in relation to the at least one other jaw member (4b) of the tool (4) for purposes of opening and closing by means of one rotatably designed gripping member (3b) of the handle (3), and the at least one rotatable jaw member (4a) and the gripping member (3b) of the handle (3) that serves to rotate the at least one jaw member (4a) are connected to one another by means of a push pin (5) stored in the hollow shaft (2) and the push pin (5) can be displaced exclusively in the axial direction by means of the corresponding at least one rotatable gripping member (3b) of the handle (3), wherein

the push pin (5) can be inserted, at least partly in form-locking connection, into a rigid casing (12), which in turn can be inserted, at least partly in form-locking connection, into the hollow shaft (2) and the push pin (5) is mounted in the casing (12) so that at least sections of it are rotation-resistant.